

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 5, 2003 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bill Tash, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Edward Butcher (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Royal Johnson (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Emily Stonington (D)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: SB 128; HB 136; SB 170

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 128

CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK explained SB 128 puts money back into the general fund and creates a special revenue account for criminal history and record dissemination.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. COONEY** moved that **SB 128 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 136

Motion: **SEN. STONINGTON** moved that **HB 136 BE CONCURRED IN.**

CHAIRMAN ZOOK advised the bill was included in the executive budget and has a positive general fund impact of \$350,000 in the biennium.

SEN. TRUDY SCHMIDT asked if this took out the allocation for the Washington, DC office and **CHAIRMAN ZOOK** believed that was correct.

Vote: Motion **carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 170

CHAIRMAN ZOOK stated the bill would require the state to pay all expenses for involuntary commitment.

SEN. ROYAL JOHNSON asked if the fiscal impact was \$428,000 and **CHAIRMAN ZOOK** said that was how he read the fiscal note.

SEN. JOHNSON cited the current financial situation but stated he did not have a problem with the Supreme Court wanting to do something.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. JOHNSON** moved that **SB 170 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. Motion carried 14-5 with COONEY, SCHMIDT, SHEA, STONINGTON, and TROPILA voting no.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

SEN. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fcs25aad)